



REMARKS

Applicants believe that the above claims are substantially similar to the claims of another patent and application. See 37 CFR § 1.604(b). In particular, claims 20-23, 25-39, 44-47, 49-52, and 54-56 are substantially similar to various claims of U.S. Pat. No. 6,473,500. Claims 62 and 63 are substantially similar to claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/234,558 published January 2, 2003 (Pub. No. US 2003/0001005 A1), respectively.

Applicants believe that no new matter is introduced in the filing of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-named application in view of the present amendments.

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